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In re application of:

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2004, which set April 12, 2004 as the original deadline for submitting a response. A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed, which extends the deadline for response to July 12, 2004.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.